



UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

ISES Call to Action Regarding US OMB Proposed Rule

Dear Members,

We recognize that this is most relevant to ISES members in the U.S., but sharing with all members since it includes international research collaborations.

The US White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released its [Proposed Rule for Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance](#) on May 29, 2026. This 108-page document outlines numerous proposed federal changes to "improve transparency, accountability, and oversight for Federal awards across the Federal Government." This proposed rule as written alters the way the US government manages scientific grants and other financial assistance, and will significantly change the way science is conducted in the US. We encourage our ISES members to read the proposed rule and consider its impact on scientific research. If members choose to submit a public comment or write individual letters to their State Senators and Representatives outlining the impact that this rule would have on science - resources are provided below.

A few recommendations: Individual comments need to be **unique** and **should cite specific section numbers** of the rule. In your comments, consider how **your research** would be impacted if the proposed changes were adopted. [A draft letter for State Senators and Representatives is provided here.](#) If you are submitting a comment or letter, be clear that your response is **your own** and that you are not representing the views of your institution.

Further insight into the rule and resources for preparing letters are provided below.

Read: [Proposed Rule for Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance](#)

Read: '[Summary of Key Changes](#)' by Dr. Elizabeth Ginexi and her [comment](#) that she submitted to the Federal Register

Read: [White House proposes new rules giving political appointees final approval on research grants](#). By Dan Vergano, edited by Claire Cameron in Scientific American

Identify your members of US Congress: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

Comments may be submitted through the public comment process before **July 13, 2026**.

[Submit a public comment here.](#)

Best regards,

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